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WUMMARY: 35 POWER (BRAZILIAN) DRAFT RES ON UNEF
FINANCING APPROVED IN FIFTH COMITE NOV. 23 BY VOTE OF
105 (US) - 2-4 WITH MOST DELS FEELING SELF-SATISFIED
AT BROADLY ACCEPTED RESOLUTIONS OF DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.
PORTUGUESE AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED BY 2-97-10 (US). CUBAN/
YEMENI AND SOVIET AMENDMENTS WERE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS.
IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE, CONGRESSMAN BUCHANAN PRAISED
COMMITTEE'S ACTION AS DEMONSTRATING THAT INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION FOR PEACE CAN UNITE MEMBERS COUNTRIES. FIFTH
COMITE WILL CONSIDER SOVIET AND GHANAIAAN DRAFT PARAS
(A/C.5/L.1136 AND A/C.5/L.1141) NOVEMBER 26.

1. FIFTH COMITE RESUMED DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT ITEM
NOVEMBER 23 WITH APPEAL ON BEHALF OF "GREAT MAJORITY" BY
TALIEH OF IRAN TO SPONSORS OF CUBAN/YEMENI (A/C.5/L.1135)
AND SOVIET (A/C.5/L.1137) DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO WITHDRAW
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IN SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE. HE NOTED THAT HE APPRECIATED

FULLY PURPOSES AND VIEWS OF ARAB STATES ON ISSUE BUT ASKED THEM TO BE MOTIVATED BY SAME CONSIDERATIONS AS THOSE WHICH GUIDED COSPONSRS OF 35 POWER DRAFT. TO SOVIETS HE MENTIONED USSR REP HAD PARTICIPATED IN PRELIMINARY TALKS ON DRAFT RES AND DIFFERENCE WAS ESSENTIALLY ONE OF DETAIL.

2. SAFRONCHUK (USSR) WITHDREW USSR AMENDMENT AND ANNOUNCED INTENTION VOTE FOR 35 POWER RES. HE REGRETTED ISRAEL WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED PAY FULL ASSESSMENT. HE REQUESTED VOTE ON GHANAIA DRAFT FOR INCLUSION IN FIFTH COMITE REPORT BE POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 26.

3. AL-ATTAR (YEMEN) ANNOUNCED HE AND CUBA WOULD WITHDRAW THEIR AMENDMENT IN LIGHT VIEWS HELD BY "MAJORITY OF 77" AND APPEAL OF IRANIAN DEL. YAR STILL BELIEVED COUNTRIES SUFFERING FROM ACTS OF AGGRESSION SHOULD HAVE RELIEF FROM ASSESSMENTS. HE NOTED THAT IF SOVIET DRAFT HAD BEEN PUT TO VOTE HIS DEL WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED IT. HE SAID HE WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF 35 POWER DRAFT.

4. FURTHER COMMENTS WERE MADE BY DELS OF POLAND, GHANA, CHINA, BRAZIL, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, AND GREECE. CLELAND (GHANA) INTRODUCED DRAFT PARAGRAPH FOR FIFTH COMITE REPORT. HE SAID HE HOPED LANGUAGE PROPOSED WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO SCANDINAVIANS AND SOVIETS. SYG WOULD BE ASKED TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF STANDARDIZING COSTS AND DETERMINING CEILING ON REIMBURSEMENTS MADE FOR EXTRA AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATION. HE EXPLAINED PURPOSE PROPOSAL WAS TO ENCOURAGE UN APPROACH TO COUNTRIES ABLE PROVIDE "LOW COST TROOPS" AS PREFERRED SOURCE FOR CONTINGENTS. CHINESE DEL STATED HIS GOVERNMENT NOT IN FAVOR DISPATCHING TROOPS TO MIDDLE EAST AND WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTE.

5. FIFTH COMITE DISAPPROVED A/C.5/L.1134 (PORTUGUESE AMENDMENT) 2 (PORTUGAL, SOUTH AFRICA)-97-10 (BOLIVIA), BRAZIL, GREECE, HONDURAS, ISRAEL, KHMER REP., PARAGUAY, SWAZILAND, SPAIN, US). COMMITTEE THEN APPROVED 35 POWER DRAFT BY VOTE OF 105-2 (ALBANIA AND LIBYA)-4(ALGERIA, UNCLASSIFIED

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PORTUGAL, SOUTH AFRICA, AND SYRIA). CHINA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, IRAQ, LEBANON, SAUDI ARABIA DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTING.

6. EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE GIVEN BY DELS OF EGYPT, UK, JORDAN, US, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, BRAZIL, NEW ZEALAND, PORTUGAL, CONGO, GUINEA, YEMEN, AND MALI. AMB. ABDEL MEGUID (EGYPT) THANKED DESL WHICH HAD SUPPORTED ARAB CAUSE. HE

EXPLAINED EGYPT'S SUPPORT FOR RES AS MOTIVATED BY SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE.

7. CONG. BUCHANAN FOR US STATED THAT UN HAD DISTINGUISHED ITSELF BY DEMONSTRATING THAT INT'L COOPERATION FOR PEACE CAN UNITE STATES. HE NOTED US SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION REQUIRES ACTION BY CONGRESS AND PLEDGED CARRY THE MESSAGE TO CONGRESS. HE PRAISED SPONSORS OF RES, ARAB DELEGATIONS, USSR DEL, AND CHAIRMAN OF COMITE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT RES. PORUGUESE DEL (PATRICIO) CRITICIZED DOUBLE STANDARD APPLIED IN RES TO PORUGAL. HIS GOVERNMENT COULD NOT ACCEPT DISCRIMINATION AND DID NOT CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND BY RES AND RESERVED ITS RIGHT TO WITHHOLD ASSESSMENTS. REPS OF CONGO AND MALI WHO WERE ABSENT DURING VOTE RECORDED THEIR SUPPORT FOR 35 POWER RES.

8. COMMENT: USUN BELIEVES THAT APPROVAL OF RES WHICH CONFORMS CLOSELY TO US VIEW WAS SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT. OUR ROLE WAS LARGELY PLAYED IN BACKGROUND BUT WAS MAJOR ONE. THIS INSTANCE DEMONSTRATES LESSON THAT WHEN USG ADOPTS REASONABLE POSITION OF COMPROMISE BASED ON REALISM, FLEXIBILITY AND FAIRNESS, IT POSSIBLE OBTAIN THE NECESSARY VOTES. WE APPRECIATE GROUNDS FOR MANEUVERABILITY AFFORDED US AND ROLE PLAYED BY DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSIES IN SUPPORTING USUN IN FAST MOVING DEVELOPMENTS, WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO RICHARD HENNES OF IO.'

9. DEPT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS TEL TO OTHER POSTS WHICH HAD VERY HELPFUL ROLE IN ACHIEVING FINE RESULTS OBTAINED. BENNETT

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